

REMARKS

The application is currently under final rejection with claims 1-51 pending; claims 1-30 and 32-38 being withdrawn; claims 31, 39, and 40 being allowed; and claims 41-51 being rejected.

A telephone interview was conducted between the Applicant's attorney and Examiner Rakesh Kumar on July 17, 2007. Examiner Kumar indicated that the final rejection dated April 20, 2007 was not proper. Examiner Kumar further indicated that he would remove this final rejection and issue a new rejection or even a Notice of Allowance. Examiner Kumar further indicated that the Applicant's attorney was to do no further work and that he would issue the new rejection or Notice of Allowance.

Applicant's attorney and Examiner Kumar exchanged voice mail messages and had one or two telephone conferences in which, again, Examiner Kumar indicated that he would remove the final rejection. After waiting a period of time in which it was becoming clearly evident that Examiner Kumar would not remove the final rejection, Applicant's attorney had a telephone conference with Gene Crawford who is the supervisor of Examiner Kumar. Mr. Crawford indicated that Applicant would be required to submit this Supplemental Response in order to allow Examiner Kumar to remove the finality of the April 20, 2007 rejection.

Applicant's attorney requests the finality be removed so that this application can continue to move forward toward what will hopefully be ultimate allowance and issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

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